

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Diabetic Population in India

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether as per the study by Lancet journal India is among the top three countries in the world with high diabetic population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government would consider imposition of a tax on sugar, drinks and sweets to change the dietary patterns to curb the prevalence of diabetes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) & (b): As informed by Indian Council of Medical Research, as per a study published in Lancet Journal, India is among the top three countries in the world with high diabetic population. According to International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Diabetes Atlas (7th Edition), China has the largest number of diabetes (109.6 million) followed by India (69.1 million) and United States of America (USA) (29.3 million) in 2015.

(c) & (d): As per the Finance Minister's budget speech, 2016, there is a proposal for increase of excise duty on aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured from 18 per cent to 21 per cent.